

**Camden County Board of Commissioners  
June 1, 2009  
Closed Session – 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting -7:00 P.M.  
Historic Courtroom, Courthouse Complex  
Camden, North Carolina**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., with a closed session held at 6:00 p.m., in the Historic Courtroom, Camden, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Chairman Philip S. Faison  
Vice Chairman Melvin J. Jeralds  
Commissioners Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs and Michael McLain

Also present was County Manager Randell Woodruff, Clerk to the Board Ava Gurganus and County Attorney John Morrison.

Chairman Philip Faison called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Closed Session**

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of consultation with Attorney, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) for the purpose of Industrial Recruitment, and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners entered closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion to come out of closed session and into regular session at 7:05 p.m. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds gave the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments**

Chairman Philip Faison called for any comments from the public.

No comments were heard.

**Consideration of Agenda**

Chairman Philip Faison added the following to the agenda: *Item 6. New Business, C. Set Public Hearing for Industrial Development/Green Park*, and *Item 6. New Business, D. Green Industrial Park Project Ordinance*.

Chairman Philip Faison stated the Consent Agenda would consist of *Items. A., B., D., E., and F.*

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to approve *Items. A., B., D., E., and F.* of the consent agenda. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Garry Meiggs asked to be recused from *Item 3. Consent Agenda, C. Set Public Hearing – Special Use Permit – UDO 2009-04-22 – Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation for Utility Facility.*

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to recuse Commissioner Garry Meiggs from voting on *Item 3. Consent Agenda, C. Set Public Hearing – Special Use Permit – UDO 2009-04-22 – Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation for Utility Facility.* The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Commissioner Garry Meiggs took no part in deliberations on *Item 3. Consent Agenda, C. Set Public Hearing – Special Use Permit – UDO 2009-04-22 – Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation for Utility Facility.*

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to approve Set Public Hearing – Special Use Permit – UDO 2009-04-22 – Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation for Utility Facility. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and Commissioner Garry Meiggs recused and took no part in the deliberation.

- Consent Agenda

Refunds to be Issued by Finance Office in the amount of \$422.18.

Authorization to Collect - February Renewals in the amount of \$41,289.75.

Set Public Hearing – Special Use Permit – UDO 2009-05-16 – for Courthouse Shiloh Fire District for New Fire Station for June 15, 2009

Budget Amendments 2008-09-BA052, 2008-09-BA053, 2008-09-BA054, 2008-09-BA055 and 2008-09-BA056

**2008-09-BA052  
CAMDEN COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Board of the County of Camden, North Carolina that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

**Section 1. To amend the General Fund as follows:**

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ACCT	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
Expenses:			
104100-501000	Board Salaries	\$1,000.00	
104100-501100	Salaries-appointed		\$500.00
104100-505000	FICA	\$ 200.00	
104100-526000	Advertising		\$700.00
104300-501000	Elections Board	\$ 200.00	
104300-502000	Elections Salaries		\$200.00

**This will result in a decrease of \$ 0.00 in the Contingency of the General Fund.  
Balance in Contingency \$0.00 in General Fund**  
**Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009.**

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Clerk to Board of Commissioners

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

2008-09-BA053  
CAMDEN COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Camden, North Carolina that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund as follows:

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ACCT	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
Expenses: 106900-539729	Sewer Project	\$100,506.47	
Revenues: 10399400-439900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$100,506.47	

Additional funds needed to close project. Sales tax refunds were short.

This will result in a decrease of \$ 0.00 in the Contingency of the General Fund.  
Balance in Contingency \$0.00 in General Fund

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009.

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Clerk to Board of Commissioners                      Chairman, Board of Commissioners

2008-09-BA054  
CAMDEN COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Camden, North Carolina that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund as follows:

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ACCT	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
Expenses: 105450-504004	Professional Services	\$40,000.00	
Revenues: 10360545-434700	Rural Center Grant	\$40,000.00	

Water and Sewer long range master plan.  
This will result in a decrease of \$ 0.00 in the Contingency of the General Fund.  
Balance in Contingency \$0.00 in General Fund

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009.

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Clerk to Board of Commissioners                      Chairman, Board of Commissioners

2008-09-BA055  
CAMDEN COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Camden, North Carolina that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund as follows:

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ACCT	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE

Expenses:

106820-589200	Jail Debt	\$28,672.64
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Revenues:

10399400-439900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$28,672.64
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RBC loan quarterly payment.  
This will result in a decrease of \$ 0.00 in the Contingency of the General Fund.  
Balance in Contingency \$0.00 in General Fund

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009.

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

2008-09-BA056

CAMDEN COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Camden, North Carolina that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Section 1. To amend the Social Services Fund as follows:

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ACCT	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
Expenses: 528000-520000	Crisis Intervention	\$1,500.00	
Revenues: 52330610-434819	Crisis Intervention	\$1,500.00	

Additional allocation.

This will result in a decrease of \$ 0.00 in the Contingency of the General Fund.

Balance in Contingency \$0.00 in General Fund

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009.

Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Resolution No. 2009-05-03 – A Resolution Opposing the Public Health Improvement Plan as Contained in Senate Bill 202

This resolution was signed by Chairman Faison on May 5, 2009 and sent to the Health Department.

Resolution No. 2009-05-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING THE  
“PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN”  
AS CONTAINED IN SENATE BILL 202

Whereas, Section 10.26 of Senate Bill 202 contains a provision entitled “Public Health Improvement Plan”, and

Whereas, the Public Health Improvement Plan was proposed with no input from local government officials or local and State public health professionals, and

Whereas, the plan sets out an unreasonable timeline for such reform of the current public health system, and

**Whereas**, the plan calls for no additional public health funding, rather a redistribution of the existing, insufficient funds with no defined distribution formulas, and

**Whereas**, the plan calls for the creation of a Public Health Improvement Plan Task Force which is a duplication of the existing Public Health Task Force, and

**Whereas**, many Northeastern North Carolina counties are in the process of re-building the Mental Health infrastructure requiring greater contributions of local funds, and

**Whereas**, the same Northeastern North Carolina counties can ill afford alteration of the public health infrastructure requiring greater local funding to provide core public health services,

**Now therefore be it resolved;** that the Camden County Board of Commissioners is opposed to Section 10.26 of Senate Bill 202 or any other budget provision entitled Public Health Improvement Plan and stands opposed to any efforts to reform public health absent appropriate planning and input from local government officials and local public health professionals.

Adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

ATTEST:

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Philip S. Faison, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

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Ava J. Gurganus  
Clerk to the Board

(SEAL)

• **End of Consent Agenda**

**Old Business - Ordinance No. 2009-05-01 – Amendments to Article 151.261 – Design Standards for Minor Subdivisions – of the Camden County Code of Ordinances for May 18, 2009**

At the April 15, 2009 Planning Board meeting staff stated the amendment better clarifies the requirement for Minor Subdivision to connect to a public water supply system. After discussion, Planning Board recommended approval on a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing was properly advertised and held by the Board of Commissioners on May 18, 2009 and this Ordinance was held over to review wording.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2009-05-01. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Ordinance No. 2009-05-01**

**An Ordinance  
Amending the Camden County  
Code of Ordinances**

**Camden County, North Carolina**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS as follows:

**Article I: Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Title 15 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances of Camden County, North Carolina, which was originally adopted by the County Commissioners on December 15, 1997, and subsequently amended and as otherwise incorporated into the Camden County Code.

**Article II. Construction**

**For purposes of this Ordinance, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Ordinance language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. New language of proposed ordinance shall be shown in italics (*italics*) and underlined.**

**Article III. Amend Chapter 151 as amended of the Camden County Code which shall read as**

follows:

**CHAPTER 151: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT**

**§ 151.261 DESIGN STANDARDS.**

All minor subdivision plats shall be designed to meet the following requirements.

(A) *Streets and roads.* All lots shall meet or exceed minimum lot width on a state maintained street.

(B) *Wetlands.* Where any lot or site includes an area of CAMA wetland as determined by on-site evaluation of the Division of Coastal Management Staff, the wetland area may not be counted as part of the minimum square footage required of any lot for development and shall be shown on the plat. All 404 wetlands must be delineated and approved by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a statement entered on the plat stating the existence of 404 wetlands on the property. Minimum lot area can include 404 wetland areas.

(C) *Soils.* No lot requiring over 24 inches of fill to attain required separation from seasonal high water table for on-site septic system shall be developed or used for building purposes.

(D) *Zoning.* All lots will conform to the requirements of this chapter especially as to dimension of lots.

(E) *Water.* All applicants for a minor subdivision ~~must~~ shall connect each newly created lot to a public water supply system if any boundary of a newly created lot is located within 1,000 feet of a public water supply system. All water lines and related improvements shall be constructed pursuant to state and local laws and approved by the Administrator. This requirement shall not apply only if; 1) the newly created lots are over 1,000 feet from a public water supply system, and 2) the applicant provides a written statement signed by an official of each public water supply system in the county that the public water supply system does not plan to provide water service to the property within five years of the date of the minor subdivision application.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Camden this 1st day of June, 2009.

County of Camden

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Philip S. Faison, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Ava Gurganus  
Clerk to the Board

(SEAL)

**French West Vaughan Contract Renewal– OLF**

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion to renew the contract with French West Vaughan contingent upon Currituck County's approval. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Resolution No. 2009-06-01 – Resolution Authorizing Application for Funding Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Resolution No. 2009-06-01 is a revision to a previous resolution approved by the Board for the Water Treatment Plant which emphasis reliability and maintenance rather than growth. The change enhances funding eligibility.

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-06-01. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Resolution No. 2009-06-01**

**RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009**

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is anticipated to make loans and grants available to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of infrastructure improvements, and

WHEREAS, The County of Camden has need for and intends to construct a wastewater or drinking water system project described as adding a skid of reverse osmosis water treatment equipment in order to provide a new 720,000 gpd Harn skid mount reverse osmosis unit; a new ground storage tank; renovate the aerator and chlorine contact storage and transfer pump; one additional 75 horsepower high service pump; and improve the existing water supply reliability and required system redundancy, and

WHEREAS, The County of Camden intends to request state grant and / or loan assistance for the project,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN:**

That County of Camden, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State grant and / or loan award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the County of Camden to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the County of Camden any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Randall Woodruff, County Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a grant and / or loan to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009 at Camden, North Carolina.

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Philip S. Faison, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

**CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the County of Camden does hereby certify: That the above/attached Resolution No. 2009-06-01 is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners duly held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of June, 2009.

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Ava J. Gurganus, Clerk to the Board

### **Public Hearings**

Commissioner Garry Meiggs made a motion to go into public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from the public. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

### **Public Hearing - To Receive Comments From Public on Board of Commissioners' Intent to Abandon the Right Of Way and Close the Unpaved Portion of Wisteria Drive – Whitehall Shore Subdivision – Based on a Petition Received From Property Owners**

NC General Statute §153A-241, sets the following guidelines for the closing of public roads.

1. Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road. Approved by BOC May 4, 2009.
2. Set a public hearing which shall be published and run once a week for three (3) successive weeks in the Daily Advance (Costs estimate for publishing: \$250.00). Public Hearing advertised in Daily Advance for three consecutive weeks.
3. Forward a copy (via certified mail) of the resolution and notice of public hearing to property adjoining the public road who did not join in the request to have the road closed (two owners at an estimate cost of \$10.00) Resolution and notice of public hearing mailed to Mr. Jewell H. Davenport via certified mail.
4. Post property in at least two locations along Wisteria Drive. Property posted.

This public hearing is the final step per the guidelines listed above on the Board of Commissioners intent to abandon the ROW of and close the unpaved portion of Wisteria Drive (SR 1170) and make it a private access.

At the public hearing the BOC shall hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights.

If after the hearing the BOC is satisfied that the closing the public road/ROW if not contrary to the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the board may adopt an order closing the road/ROW.

Pursuant to 153A-241, upon closing the road/ROW all right, title, and interest in the ROW is vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the road or easement, and the title of each adjoining landowner, for the width of his abutting land, extends to the center line of the road/ROW.

The following property owners appeared and spoke in favor of closing Wisteria Drive: Stephanie Shaad, 106 Wisteria Drive; Dorothy Dawnhauer, 214 Pinewood Drive; Greg Duncan, 100 Wisteria Drive.

Mike Stimak, 101 Whitehall Shores, representing the Homeowners Association, spoke in opposition of closing Wisteria Drive.

Following discussion, Chairman Philip Faison so ordered this matter be placed on the June 15 agenda.

### **FY2009-2010 BudgetHearing**

County Manager Randell Woodruff read the following budget message to the Board:



**FY 2009-2010 Budget Message**

June 1, 2009

**The Camden County Board of Commissioners**

- Mr. Phil Faison, Chairman**
- Mr. Melvin Jeralds, Vice Chairman**
- Mrs. Sandy Duckwall**
- Mr. Garry Meiggs**
- Mr. Mike McLain**

**Members of the Board,**

In accordance with General Statute 159-11, I hereby submit to you for your consideration the proposed FY 2009-2010 budget for Camden County. A copy of the recommended budget has been filed with the Clerk to the Board and is available for public inspection.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 will certainly be a unique and challenging year for the County due to the current economic downturn. Fortunately due to the prudent financial management adhered to by the Board of Commissioners over the past five years the County is poised to weather these difficult times without adverse impact on service provision or endangering the healthy financial condition and future of the County. During the months leading up to the budget process it has been apparent of the uncertainty of various state funding streams for local services.

The proposed budget reflects the continued fiscally conservative process of projecting future revenues and maintaining expenditures at a modest level. This method of financial management has strengthened the County and led to the creation of a healthy fund balance to safeguard the operational responsibilities in the event of worsening economic events, natural disaster, or other emergency situations such as the possibility of the Navy locating the OLF here in Camden. As you are well aware, the Board of Commissioners last year committed to resist the OLF and the utilization of some of the County reserves to cover the legal and other related costs. These are the times when local government must use a portion of their financial resources to make it through a challenging period. This is exactly the purpose of building and maintaining these funds.

Below is a list of some of the general fund expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

OLF Expenses	\$300,000
(will include legal, PR, engineering & other directly related costs)	
Employee Health Insurance in General Fund	\$261,182
Health Department	\$35,820
Property Insurance	\$65,498
Community Park Contribution	\$66,600
Mental Health Department	\$19,810
Economic Development Infrastructure Incentive Fund	\$50,000
School Current Expense	\$1,900,000
Wastewater System Subsidy	\$176,504
Funds to Implement Pay Study	\$50,000

Compared to the current year adopted budget of \$11,873,381, the proposed budget is \$11,021,377 or a 7% reduction.

**Major Concerns**

Major factors that must be kept in the forefront of the County’s financial thinking during the next two years are the following:

The County must stay actively involved and keep abreast of developments related to the new Albemarle Regional Jail. While the jail facility is currently scheduled for completion and occupancy late this Fall, much emphasis is warranted on the remaining

settlement with the initial architectural firm, as well as the payment of the annual debt service which will begin in the upcoming fiscal year.

The County needs to remain focused on the area of economic development as this is the key to increasing revenues, growing the tax base, and making the wastewater system financially self-supporting.

In this climate of declining state revenues for the schools, attention must be given to the needs of the local system and how best to maintain the many accomplishments of recent years. The Board must always be cognizant of the situation with the low-wealth funding as well as the capital needs of the system.

Attention must remain focused on the continued decline of revenue generation from the land transfer tax which is the major funding mechanism for the County Capital Reserve Fund. Without a steady flow of revenue the County will not be able to take on new CIP projects or adequately fund the debt service obligations for already completed projects.

#### **General Fund**

The 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget is presented with a recommendation of keeping the ad valorem tax rate at the current level of \$.59. With the \$.59 per \$100 valuation and a 97.14% collection rate on the real and personal property and 87.02% collection rate on vehicles, one cent of tax equals \$108,247.

This year's General Fund Budget is \$852,004 or 7% less than last year's budget.

#### **South Camden Water & Sewer District**

The Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant has been operating since October of 2002 and effectively provides a most valuable service the County. Most likely the next major capital project the County will undertake will be to expand the capacity of the plant to ensure an adequate supply of water will be available in future years as the County continues to grow and attract new commercial development.

While the Wastewater System has been fully operational since January of 2008, modifications in the amount of approximately \$79,000 will be required during FY 2009-2010 to ensure compliance with state guidelines.

Additionally, the County will be undertaking the extension of water & sewer to the site of the future Green Commerce Park on the US17 corridor. This project will be funded by a grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation. Other potential infrastructure expansion projects will be contingent upon receiving grant funding applied for from the NC Rural Center and the Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

#### **Courthouse/Shiloh Fire Commission**

The fire tax is recommended to remain at a contribution equal to \$.05 per \$100 valuation this year. This amount includes a \$0.01 fire tax plus an additional contribution equivalent to \$0.04. The Commission has acquired property to allow for a future site for a new Shiloh Station.

#### **South Mills Fire Commission**

The fire tax is recommended to remain at a contribution equal to \$.05 per \$100 valuation this year. This amount includes a \$0.01 fire tax plus an additional contribution equivalent to \$0.04. The Commission is currently in the process of arranging the financing for a new station to be located on Keeter Barn Road.

#### **Department of Social Services**

The county contribution has been reduced by \$200,000 due the state picking up the Medicaid costs.

#### **Joy's Creek Drainage District**

A \$0.02 per \$100 valuation tax rate is recommended for the district again this year. Expenses include ditch maintenance as well as some reserve for natural disaster/storm cleanup.

**Community Park Trust Fund**

Modest amounts are budgeted to maintain the Senior Trail, the Dismal Swamp Trail, the Shiloh Boat Landing and the Camden Community Park. The expansion of the Community Park is nearly complete and additional funds are budgeted to cover the costs of building a new restroom/concession facility.

**Revaluation Reserve Fund**

The County's contribution to this fund will be \$125,000 which will be needed to cover the costs of the next revaluation which is required to be done within eight years. The current revaluation was conducted after five years.

**County Capital Reserve Fund**

The funding for this fund comes from the \$0.01 land transfer tax which is levied on all land sales. With the slowed economy the projected revenues this are only \$100,000. Debt service payments in the amount of \$232,981 for the new jail, the Register of Deeds expansion, courthouse renovations, DSS building, the Noblett & Morrisette Properties and other CIP projects are made out of this fund.

**School Capital Reserve Fund**

With changes being made at the state level in the sales tax portion used to support this fund, the County must be concerned about maintaining adequate funds in the future to cover all of the existing debt service on completed school projects.

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The recommended FY 2009-2010 budget will meet the County's needs in a responsible manner while navigating the current economic downturn. It is always the case that should it become necessary during the upcoming fiscal year to make further budget reductions, this can be accomplished once determined to be justified due to further revenue declines or reductions in state funding. This budget allows the County to move forward with the funding of departmental priorities, modest capital needs, dealing with the threat of the OLF, payment of annual debt service, the provision of quality healthcare benefits for the County staff, and the development of the Green Commerce Park. Even though the County finds itself in the midst of a severe economic slowdown, the Board and County Administration must not shy away from realistic and viable opportunities which will assist in the generation of new tax base growth, increased revenues and creation of jobs. As always it has been my goal to fashion a budget focused on serving the citizens while at the same time adhering to wise financial management.

I thank all of the department heads for their support and cooperation in helping to complete this budget process and applaud their hard work to make Camden County an entity providing quality services in a professional environment. Special thanks go to the Finance Office staff for their assistance. As you move forward with your budget deliberations, feel free to call, email or come by the office with any questions or concerns you have.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randell K. Woodruff  
Budget Officer/County Manager

Chairman Philip Faison called for any comments regarding the FY2009-2010 budget.

Hearing no comments, Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion to come out of public hearing. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**New Business - FY 2009-2010 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Certification**

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion to approve the FY2009-2010 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Certification list of proposed members as presented. The

motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**New Business - Set Public Hearing for Green Park**

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to set public hearing for the Green Park on June 29, 2009 for industrial development of Green Park and authorized staff to publicly advertise. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**New Business - Green Industrial Park Ordinance**

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that Project Ordinance No. 2009-06-01 was required to oversee that the funds will be handled by the Golden Leaf Foundation.

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to approve Project Ordinance No. 2009-06-01. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**New Business - Request to Fill Position of Senior Center Supervisor**

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion to fill the position of Senior Center Supervisor. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Recess**

A brief recess was held.

**PRESENTATION: Bill Sammler – Storm Ready Community**

Bill Sammler presented a plaque and two (2) “*Storm Ready County*” signs to be posted in the county for being part of the Storm Ready Program.

**South Camden Water & Sewer District Board of Directors**

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to go into the South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Member Sandy Duckwall made a motion to adjourn the South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed with Members Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Member voting no; no Member absent; and no Member not voting.

The Commissioners re-entered the regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners at 8:13 p.m.

**Commissioner’s Report**

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall reported on the adverse impact of state proposals to the cost of the Albemarle District Jail regarding reduction of income to help offset the cost of housing inmates. Commissioner Sandy Duckwall asked that everyone call the House of Representatives members to voice this concern.

Chairman Philip Faison stated the Chamber of Commerce set aside June 16, 2009 as Camden Business After Five for time of fellowship for the Camden businesses at Albemarle Propane and a Bluegrass Festival will be held June 12 and 13 at the North River Campground.

**County Manager's Report**

County Manager Randell Woodruff reported on the following:

- Legislation to house misdemeanor up 180 days will impact the District Jail and asked the Board to amend the agenda to send a Resolution to Raleigh in opposition
- Received a call regarding NCDOT representative Stan White is stepping aside and the position will become open and Matt Wood will be working to get the position and stated a letter will be drafted in support of Matt Wood
- Will need additional budget work session on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
- Spoke with Pat McCabe of Golden Leaf and the county can proceed with the US 17 wastewater project

**Other Matters**

Buddy Tucker, 617 Trotman Road, announced that on June 20, 2009, at the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Shop on US17 South, a regional service van will be in the area to assist any veteran with benefit claims.

**Amendment to Agenda**

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion to amend the agenda to propose a resolution in opposition to the State Budget proposals. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Resolution Regarding State Requirement for Jails**

Commissioner Sandy Duckwall made a motion for staff to draft a resolution to send to the State representatives in opposition of the state budget cuts affecting jails. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Garry Meiggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Sandy Duckwall, Garry Meiggs, Michael McLain and Chairman Philip Faison voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Philip S. Faison, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Clerk to the Board